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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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THE

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE.

From 1st January - 31st March, 1942.

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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health,
Assistant County School Medical
Officer and Medical Superintendent
High Grove Isolation Hospital ..... J. Petrie,
M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspectors :-

Senior Sanitary Inspector ..... A. J. Williams,
M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

District Sanitary Inspectors .. R. K. Dunning,
M.S.I.A.

.. R. A. Williams,
M.S.I.A.

Rat Officer ..... G. A. Hogben.

Chief Clerk ..... Miss M. J. Baldock.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	112,099 acres
Rateable Value (31st December, 1942)	£298,430
Sum represented by one Penny Rate	£1,172

Unemployment Figures.

Crowborough.	Males	Females	Total
Quarter ended 31st March 1942	6	3	9
" " 30th June	14	2	16
" " 30th September	5	1	6
" " 31st December	3	1	4
Uckfield.			
Quarter ended 31st March 1942	14	1	15
" " 30th June	15	-	15
" " 30th September	-	-	-
" " 31st December	-	-	-
Wadhurst.			
Quarter ended 31st March 1942	1	1	2
" " 30th June	2	3	5
" " 30th September	3	2	5
" " 31st December	1	2	3

(This branch office covers an area of which part is outside the Uckfield Rural District.)

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	575	301	274
Illegitimate	69	36	33
Total live births.....	644	337	307

STILLBIRTHS	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	18	8	10
Illegitimate	2	1	1
Total stillbirths	20	9	11

DEATHS	Total	Males	Females
.....	538	244	294

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.
(Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List)

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis ...	-	-
No. 30. Other Puerperal Causes	2	3.01

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	45.03
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	43.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	57.9

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	86
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	2

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

Cause of Death	Age at Death	
	Males	Females
Prematurity	12 hours	3 hours
"	2 days	
" and infantile asthma	1 week	
" and convulsions	2 weeks	
" debility, pneumonia and cleft palate ...		3 weeks
" and respiratory failure		18 hours
Broncho-pneumonia	1 month	
" "	4 months	
Acute bronchitis		6 months
Broncho-pneumonia and marasmus	3 months	
Cardiac failure, bronchitis, anaemia of infancy.	1 month	
Congenital malformation of brain		3 days
Congenital heart		6 days
Patent foramen ovale, congenital heart, enlarged thymus ...		4 months
Gastro-enteritis, broncho-pneumonia, congenital heart disease, patent foramen ovale ...	2 months	
Asphyxia neonatorum		45 minutes
Icterus neonatorum		3 days
Cerebral haemorrhage, haemorrhagic diathesis neonatorum		2 weeks
Primary anaemia of the newborn	1 week	
Convulsions following breech delivery.....	3 days	
Convulsions, cerebral injury during birth	8 hours	
Heart failure, convulsions	3 months	
Whooping cough		3 months
Influenzal meningitis	9 months	
Chronic pneumonia	3 months	
Acute gastro-enteritis	10 months	
Pneumococcal meningitis		1 month
Diarrhoea and vomiting	4 months	

TOTAL DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	-	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .	3	5	8
Other forms of Tuberculosis	6	-	6
Influenza	2	1	3
Cancer	36	50	86
Diabetes	2	2	4
Carried forward	49	60	109

	Males	Females	Total
Brought forward..	49	60	109
Cerebral Haemorrhage	26	56	82
Heart Disease	72	81	153
Other Circulatory diseases	8	5	13
Bronchitis	14	17	31
Pneumonia	20	12	32
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	-	2
Appendicitis	1	2	3
Other digestive diseases	6	3	9
Nephritis	4	7	11
Syphilitic diseases	1	-	1
Puerperal sepsis	-	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	2	2
Congenital debility and premature births	7	9	16
Suicide	1	4	5
Road traffic accidents	6	3	9
Other violent causes	2	4	6
Diarrhoea under 2 years	2	-	2
All other causes	22	28	50
Totals	244	294	538

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS.

	Number of Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total
0	17	12	29
1	6	3	9
5	1	-	1
10	-	-	-
15	4	6	10
25	7	9	16
35	5	9	14
45	9	20	29
55	27	42	69
65	74	69	143
75 and over ...	94	124	218
Totals	244	294	538

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

These remain as previously outlined in 1934 and 1935 Annual Reports.

Laboratory Facilities.

During the year sixty-five throat and sixty nose swabs, three specimens of faeces, two of blood and ten smears from eyelids (in connection with infectious disease) were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Horsham.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance service for the district is as described in previous reports and appears to be adequate.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES.

No changes have taken place in the sources of main water supply in the area. Samples of water from these supplies are submitted periodically for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination and the results have been consistently satisfactory.

During the year, sixty-nine samples of water from existing wells and springs were analysed by the Public Analyst. The following results were obtained :-

Satisfactory	17
Unfit for drinking purposes	26
" " " " (repeat samples) ..	22
Satisfactory repeat samples	4
	69

Main water has been laid on to ten properties where the supply was found to be unsatisfactory.

In connection with the war-time Scheme for the provision of an Emergency Water Supply in the district, forty-four samples were taken from wells and springs for analysis and of these twenty-eight were found to be unsatisfactory. Where gross pollution was found to exist, the wells were repaired, but as chlorination will be enforced if an emergency arises, it was considered unnecessary to carry out repairs of a minor nature.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A number of maintenance repairs were carried out during the year to sewers and installations at the Sewage Outfall Works in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Five lorries and thirty-five men (including a Cleansing Superintendent) are employed in the collection and salvage of house refuse. The collection of house refuse is generally on a fortnightly basis except in the more densely populated portions of the parishes of Crowborough, Uckfield, Mayfield and Wadhurst.

The controlled tipping of refuse has now been limited to ashes and dust, all other forms of wastes being reclaimed.

The work of street cleansing in Crowborough and Uckfield has continued throughout the year. At Crowborough two men carry out a weekly cleansing, being employed for the remainder of the week at the salvage dump, and in Uckfield one man is employed half time on street cleansing and half time at the sewage works.

Cesspool cleansing by the District Council was continued in the Parish of Crowborough and twenty-three cesspools received attention at various times of the year, the total number of cleansings being sixty-five.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 27 (18) of THE SANITARY OFFICERS (OUTSIDE LONDON) REGULATIONS.

No. of Houses inspected under the Housing Acts (including overcrowding)...						28
"	"	"	"	"	" Public Health Act	264
"	"	"	reinspected	"	" Public Health and Housing Acts	824

No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Act	29
" " reinspections made to these premises	26
Inspections made to cowsheds, milkshops and dairies	910
Visits to Bakehouses	64
" " Factories and Workshops	55
" " Butcher's Shops and Slaughterhouses	224
" " Slaughterhouses under Byelaws	3
" " Knacker's Yard	32
" " Food Premises	172
" " Shops	13
" " Hop-pickers Lodgings	10.
Visits in connections with Tents, Vans and Sheds	21
" " " " Rats and Mice Destruction	46
" " " " Emergency water supplies	852
" " " " Infectious Diseases	116
" " " " Eradication of Bed bugs	40.
" " " " sanitary accommodation at Schools	28
" " " " A.R.P. and Food Decontamination	250
Miscellaneous Visits	246
Interviews	204
Number of drain tests carried out	49
" " Water samples taken	69
" " " " " (for emergency supplies)	44
" " milk samples taken	126
" " rooms disinfected	13
" " complaints received	157

Number of Preliminary Notices served under :-

Public Health Acts, 1936	148
Housing Act, 1936	1
Milk & Dairies Order, 1926	66
Factory Act, 1937	18
Shops Act, 1934	1.
Public Health (Meat) Regulations	1.
Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919	2.

Number of Preliminary Notices complied with under :-

Public Health Act, 1936	133
Housing Act, 1936	5
Milk & Dairies Order, 1926	44
Factory Act, 1937	7
Shops Act, 1934	1.
Public Health (Meat) Regulations	1.

Number of Statutory Notices served under :-

Public Health Act, 1936	18

Number of Statutory Notices complied with under :-

Public Health Act, 1936	13
Housing Act, 1936	8

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS.

The repairs and improvements enumerated below, affecting 131 cottages, were completed during the year :-

Damp floors remedied	7
Damp walls remedied	41

Floors relaid or repaired	22
Internal walls repaired or cleansed	37
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	28
Lighting and ventilation improved	12
Windows and doors etc., repaired or renewed	28
Flues and fireplaces repaired	2
Cooking stoves repaired and provided	11
Washing coppers repaired or provided	1
Food stores repaired or provided	4
Staircases repaired	3
Sinks provided or repaired	4.
Rent books completed	6
External walls repaired	14
Roofs repaired	25
Chimney stacks repaired	6
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	22
Dustbins provided or renewed	5
Accumulations removed	2
Yards relaid	5
New drainage systems provided	14
Drainage systems repaired or improved	37
W.C's provided	9
W.C's repaired cleansed or ventilated	41.
E.C's repaired or improved	1.
M.P's converted to E.C.'s	2
Main water supply provided	10.
Wells or springs repaired or improved	5.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Fifty-five visits were made to factories and workshops during the year. The sanitary accommodation was improved at two premises.

BAKEHOUSES.

During the year, sixty four visits were made to bakehouses. The following improvements were carried out :-

Walls limewashed	8.
Internal woodwork painted	1.
Washing accommodation provided	1.

The following defects were noted :-

Limewashing required	11.
W.C. not sealed from food storage room	1
Food storage room not ventilated	1.
Unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation	1.

BYELAWS RELATING TO HOP-PICKERS.

Eight farms in the district employed imported labour during the hop-picking season. This labour consisted of four males, one hundred and thirty-two females and sixty-four children, (77 families). The eighty-four lodgings provided were inspected under the Byelaws and the following improvements were carried out :-

Floors in huts repaired	1.
Kitchen floor repaired	1.
Internal surfaces of huts cleansed	56
Additional closets provided	2.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Thirteen visits were made under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, relating to sanitary accommodation, ventilation and temperature.

CAMPING SITES.

Twenty-one visits were made to Tents, Vans and Sheds (including Camping Sites) and nine licences were granted under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, during the year.

Situation.	Conditions under which Licences were granted.
On land at Little Goldsmiths Farm, Blackboys	-
On land at the Poultry Farm, Maresfield Park.	-
On land at Pounsley Road Blackboys.	Not more than three moveable dwellings to be kept on land at the same time, and to be inhabited only by the persons named on the licence.
On land at Style Cottage, Pricketts Lane, Horney Common.	Licence issued subject to the provision of a wholesome water supply, means of disposal of sullage water; provision of sanitary accommodation and the paving of the site.
On land at White Hart Hotel, Crowborough.	Not more than three moveable dwellings to be kept on the site at the same time. Occupants of each dwelling to be limited to two persons.
On land at the New Era Laundry, Queen's Road, Crowborough.	Licence granted subject to the provision of proper facilities for the disposal of sullage water. Occupants of the caravan to be limited to two people.
On land at Highfield, Lampool Fairwap.	Not more than one moveable dwelling to be kept on land at the same time.
On land at "Gay Bowers", Mark Cross.	Not more than one moveable dwelling to be kept on land at the same time.
On land at Eastbourne Road, Wych Cross.	-

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Forty visits were made in connection with the eradication of bed bugs. Seven houses were involved and the disinfestation of these premises was supervised by the staff of the Public Health Department.

SCHOOLS.

Twenty-eight visits were made to schools during the year. The sanitary accommodation was improved at two schools. At one of these schools additional washing accommodation was also provided.

The following school was closed during the year for the period stated:-

School.	Period of Closure.	Disease.
Eridge School.	2nd June - 20th June, 1942 (inclusive).	Whooping Cough.

HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 292
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 1116

(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ..... 1.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 1.

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..... Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head)found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 141

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE :-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ..... 131.

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... Nil.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice.

(a) By owners ..... 4.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.... Nil.

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 18

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice

(a) By Owners 13
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners..... 1.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... 4.

(3) Number of houses rendered fit following Undertaking given after service of a Time and Place Notice - Section 11.....Nil.

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - Part IV - OVERCROWDING.

(a) (1) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of year	32
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	39
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	261
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	6
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	15

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

There are now 530 dairy premises in the District registered under the provisions of the Milk & Dairies Order, 1926. These comprise :-

Producers	354
Retail Purveyors	24
Producers and Retail Purveyors	151
Wholesale Traders	1.
	530.

Nine hundred and ten visits were made to dairy premises and during the year, the following improvements were carried out :-

New cowsheds erected	3
Existing buildings converted into cowsheds	1.
New dairies erected	3
Existing buildings converted into dairies	2.

Existing Cowsheds.

Reconstructed and refitted	7
Mangers repaired or renewed	4
Standings " " "	6
Gutters " " cleansed	2
Gangways " " renewed	5
Stall divisions repaired or renewed	1.
Internal wall surfaces repaired or limed	7
" " " cleansed or limewashed	21.
Additional lighting and ventilation provided	3
Accumulations of manure removed	8.
Drainage systems provided or improved	6.
Milking stools provided or cleansed	3.
Milking pails cleansed	1.

Existing Dairies.

Dairy floors, walls or ceilings repaired or renewed	3.
Drainage provided or improved	1.
Lighting and ventilation improved	2.
Coolers provided	2.
Sterilising equipment provided or improved	6
Methods of cleansing dairy equipment improved	27
Well or spring water supply improved	2
Main water supply provided	1.
Internal wall surfaces cleansed or limewashed	6
Approaches improved	5.

On e hundred and twenty-six samples of milk were taken during the year. Of these fifty-eight were found to be unsatisfactory for the following reasons :-

(a) Over 200,000 bacteria per c.c..... 19.
(b) Coliform organisms present in less than 1/10c.c 7
(c) High Plate Count and coliform organisms in less than 1/10 c.c..... 32.

When a milk is found to be unsatisfactory, the producer or the retailer is informed accordingly and advice given as to the course of action to be taken. Repeat samples are taken in every case where the milk is below the required standard of cleanliness.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Seven licences were issued under the above Order in the following categories :-

To bottle and retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk..... 1.
To retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk ..... 2.

To bottle and retail "Accredited" milk..... 1.
To retail "Accredited" milk..... 1.

To retail "Pasteurised" milk ..... 2.

Meat and Other Foods.

The inspection of meat at the Ministry of Food's centralised slaughterhouse at Uckfield was carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors. The Ministry of Food discontinued slaughtering at their premises at Forest Row at the beginning of January. During the year 8 tons, 6 cwts. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. of unsound food was surrendered.

Total number of visits to Butcher's Shops and slaughterhouses 207
Number of visits to slaughterhouses under the Byelaws ..... 6.

Carcases inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Number killed	320.	252	476	1484	206
Number inspected.	320	252	476	1484	206
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned...	4	24	-	-	1.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	26	97	-	-	21.
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned ...	-	1	-	11	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	45	1	66	6

Twenty-nine whole carcases and one hundred and ninety-three parts or organs were found to be affected with tuberculosis and twelve whole carcases and one hundred and sixty-four parts or organs were affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.

Foodstuffs voluntarily Surrendered.

55 TINS	Fish	Damaged or blown.
81 Tins	Meat	" " "
1 25 Tins	Fruit	" " "
106 Tins	Milk	" " "
4 tins	Soup	" " "
40 Tins	Vegetables	" " "
6 Tins	Jam	" " "
2 cwt. 16 lbs.	Bacon	Decomposed or stained.
16 jars	Marmalade	Broken and containing glass.
6 jars	Jam	" " "
2 botts.	Ginger Wine	" " "
5 cwts. 3 qrs. 11½ lbs.	Cereals	Musty, dirty or tainted.
9½ lbs.	Mustard	Musty.
29½ lbs	Baking Powder	"
21 lbs.	Yeast	Bad.
17 lbs.	Dates	Fermented.
6 lbs.	Apples	Damaged.
5 tons, 4 cwts 7 lbs.	Potatoes	Unwholesome
1 cwt.	Cabbage	Decayed.
12 lbs.	Flour	Splashed with creosote.
77¼ lbs.	Coffee	Unfit on Analyst's certificate.
199	Shell Eggs	Broken.
61¾ lbs.	Butter	Rancid.
5½ lbs	Margerine	Damaged and dirty.
38 lbs.	Sugar	Packets damaged and contents dirty.
71¾ lbs.	Red Cheese	Wet and unmarketable.
2 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.	Cake	Mouldy.
1 qr. 11½ lbs.	Confectionery	Mouldy or damaged by fire.
789	Mince pies	Sour and mouldy.
153	Meat pies	" " "
2 galls.	Pickles	Decomposed.
1 lb.	Tongue	"
18 lbs.	Cooked ham	"
1 qr. 22 lbs.	Sausages	Decomposed, damaged or dirty.
1 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.	Wet fish	Decomposed.
1 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.	Dried fish	"

One hundred and seventy-two visits were made to premises where food is either prepared or stored.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

This Act requires that all persons engaged in the slaughter of animals shall hold a licence granted by the District Council. At the end of 1942, there were thirty-nine licensed slaughtermen in the district.

RAT DESTRUCTION.

The following table shows the progress of the scheme during the year :-

Quotations accepted.

No. of Contracts.	Value. Clearance before commencing contract. £.	s.	d.	Contract. £.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Annual.									
ж 29	2	-	-	100	5.	-			
ø 13 (renewals.....	-	-	-	39.	10.	-			
	2	-	-	139.	15.	-			
							141.	15.	-
Six Months.									
1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Clearance Only.									
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	10.	-
							146.	5.	-

ж One contract covers four farms and another one farm and a private house.

ø One contract covers two bakehouses and another contract covers two private houses.

Analysis of premises in respect of which contracts have been Obtained.

Annual Contracts		Six months contr cts	
Farms	14	N.....F.I. store	1
Private houses	25		
Public houses	1		
Food premises	1		
Bakehouses	3		
Cornmerchant's premises ...	1		
Builder's premises	1		
Knacker's yard	1		

Contracts expired and renewed.

Eleven annual contracts to the total value of £31. 10s. expired: 9 were renewed for the sum of £28. 10s.

Four six months contracts to the total value of £9. 10s. expired: One was not renewed and the remaining three were renewed for a period of 12 months for the total sum of £8. 0s. 0d.

Clearances completed.

(a) Before commencing contract	13	£31. 10. 0.
(b) Clearance only	6	6. 0. 0.
		£37. 10. 0.

113 quarterly accounts to the total value of £85. 9.3 became due during the year.

At the end of the year 49 annual contracts to the value of £159.15.0. were in force.

Total number of visits made during the year	1,176
Number of new premises inspected	138
Number of gassing operations carried out.....	100
" " pre-baiting " " "	275
" " baiting " " "	273
" " trapping " " "	38
" " ferreting " " "	4
" " occasions on which advice was given	9

During October a circular letter giving details of the scheme was sent to theoccupiers of all houses in the area with a rateable value of over £50.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year :-

Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	42	30	-
Diphtheria	4	4	-
Erysipelas	12	1	-
Pneumonia	31	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .	4	4	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	1	-
Undulant Fever	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	2	-	-
Measles	97	8	-
Whooping Cough	81	1	1
Totals	278	53	2

	Age Groups												
	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-55	Over 65	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	2	1	4	4	16	10	2	3	-	-	-	42
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	4
Pneumonia	1	1	-	1	1	3	2	3	3	4	5	7	31
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	4	12
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles	-	3	6	6	2	55	12	4	7	1	1	-	97
Whooping Cough	2	6	11	8	7	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	81

Number of visits or inquiries made 116
Number of rooms disinfected 13

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES

Parish	Scarlet Fever		Diphtheria		Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Puerperal Pyrexia		Cerebro-Spinal Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough	
	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd	Cases	Rmvd
BUXTED	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
CROWBOROUGH	6	2	2	2	3	-	4	-	2	1	-	-	22	1	23	-
DANEHILL	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	2	-
FLETCHING	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
FOREST ROW	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
FRAMFIELD	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	13	-
FRANT	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
HADLOW DOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARTFIELD	2	2	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	2	2	-
ISFIELD	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LITTLE HORSTED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARESFIELD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	2	-	-
MAYFIELD	13	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	8	-
ROTHERFIELD	7	5	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	23	-
UCKFIELD	3	2	-	-	5	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
WADHURST	5	5	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	23	2	-	-
WITHYHAM	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	3	-
TOTALS	42	30	4	4	31	5	12	1	2	1	4	4	97	8	81	1

In addition, the following cases were notified :- One case of Acute Poliomyelitis from Hartfield which was removed to hospital; one case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum from Crowborough and one case from Withyham; one case of Dysentery from Rotherfield.

CANCER

Deaths from Cancer during 1942.

Age Periods	Males	Females	Totals
25 - 35	-	2	2
35 - 45	-	1	1
45 - 55	-	7	7
55 - 65	9	14	23
65 - 75	14	16	30
75 and over	13	10	23
Totals	36	50	86

TUBERCULOSIS

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925
Section 62, Public Health Act, 1925.

No action was taken under either of the above headings during the year under review.

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
5	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-
15	2	6	1	-	1	1	-	-
25	4	3	-	1	-	1	1	-
35	4	3	-	1	-	1	1	-
45	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	-
55	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-
65 years and upwards	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals.....	12	16	10	3	3	5	6	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Immunisation Clinics 70
No. of children whose treatment was completed 1,012
Under 5 500
Over 5 512
1012

No. of Evacuees included in above figures 75
Under 5 14
Over 5 61
75

No. of children whose treatment was commenced 188
No. of Evacuees included in above 6
No. of children immunised in private practice 158

Schick Test Clinics 70
No. of children whose Test was completed 1,555
Results - Negative .. 1,354
Positive .. 201
1,555
No. of Evacuees included in above figures 161

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